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Inmate Death at FCI Butner I

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, April 7, 2020, inmate William E. Miller went into respiratory failure at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Butner I, in Butner, North Carolina. He was evaluated by institutional medical staff and transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. Mr. Miller tested positive for COVID-19 on April 5, 2020. On Wednesday, April 8, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Wednesday, May 6, 2020, Mr. Miller, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Mr. Miller was a 58 year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of New York to a 14-year sentence for Coercion and Enticement of a Minor. He had been in custody at FCI Butner I since May 20, 2019.

FCI Butner I is a Medium security facility that currently houses 671 male offenders.

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